



Ex-Congressman J. M. Cudger.

Gudger in The Fight!

Ex-Congressman Cudger and Mr. M. L. Shipman filed Congressman Crawford's appointments at Etowah, Henderson county, and at Enon and Rosman, Transylvania county, on Friday and Saturday of last week. Owing to the incessant rains, the crowds were small at Etowah, but were large and enthusiastic at the other places.

Mr. Cudger made strong Democratic speeches, of course, and feels much encouraged over the outlook in this district. The ex-congressman returned to Asheville on Monday and is making a vigorous campaign in Buncombe this week.

To a Hustler Representative, he stated that Crawford's majority in Buncombe will be materially increased over that of two years ago, and that the Democrats of that county would, this year, take the banner away from Haywood.

Do not forget the three "W. L. G.'s" next Tuesday. Bryan, Kitchin and Crawford. Three able, purer, or better men have never offered for public office in the United States.

Gudger Says Crawford Wins!

Editor Citizen:

On my return from Transylvania county, where I have been filling the appointments of Mr. Crawford during his temporary illness, my attention has been called to a statement published in the Hendersonville Times, a republican paper, to the effect that I was present at the Grant speaking in Asheville, and "cheered him lustily when he denounced Crawford."

This statement is absolutely false and malicious in its intent, published for the purpose of injuring Mr. Crawford. It is a new campaign falsehood to add to their stock in trade. I deeply appreciate the denial made by my friends in my absence. From personal observation, having made a number of speeches in all the counties of this district, I predict the election of Mr. Crawford by a handsome majority. Very truly,

J. M. GUDGER, JR.

WHAT THEY SAY About CRAWFORD

A Few Clippings from Various Papers in the Tenth District

CRAWFORD'S CHANCES.

A well known Republican practically admitted to The Citizen yesterday that a mistake was made when the Republican congressional nomination was virtually handed to Latinus Grant on a silver platter. At that time, it will be recalled, there was no scramble for the nomination among local Republicans and, as our informant told us, "it was given to Grant just to get rid of him." That being so, it may be taken for granted (no pun intended) that the Republican leaders in this district had no earthly hope of electing Brother Grant when they thrust the honors of nomination upon him. But to keep up appearances, there was a persistent beating of tin pans, and local members of the G. O. P. had Latinus elected, tied and tagged as a full-fledged congressman. Had Latinus stayed at home he might have had some sort of show, but he went through the district bewailing the fact that he had no education, and on that account he appealed for the sympathies and suffrage of the voters of the Tenth district! What was the result? After "sizing up" the two men it is apparent that Mr. Crawford is now in a better and stronger light before the people of the Tenth district than he has ever stood in before. Not that he has at any time been a subject for criticism, but the latent strength as a campaigner which Mr. Crawford possesses has been more fully aroused and unless all signs "gang aley," W. T. Crawford will be triumphantly endorsed at the polls next month. And it is fitting and proper that he should be, for his entire career, both in private and public life, has been unstained by any step in a wrong direction. Every Democrat in the district should stand fast by his congressional candidate; every member of the "party of the people" should make it a point to see that his neighbor gets out to the polls on election day. By so doing the

Tenth congressional district will be represented in the next national legislature by a man who is a Democrat from his head to his heels.—Citizen.

JUST AN OVERSIGHT BY HON. J. G. GRANT.

"Mr. Grant was so interested that he forgot to tell of one or two matters which would have interested the people," said a Democrat yesterday in referring to the Hon. John G. Grant's speech here Wednesday. "He saw before him a number of the republicans who were at the convention which nominated him, and it must have been simply an oversight on his part that he failed to explain to them how it was he had not made good on his declaration to them when he was nominated that he intended to challenge Crawford. When a candidate assures a crowd that he is going to challenge another man it would seem that some explanation was due from him as to why he had not only failed to do this but actually refused, that is his chairman did, to accept the challenge of the other man. And this is exactly what Mr. Grant did, as everybody knows."

Said the speaker: "Mr. Grant said in his speech yesterday that he would do this and that, and doubtless he intends to keep his word, but can he expect people to bank on them when he failed to make good on the first assurance he gave, that of meeting Crawford."

"Mr. Grant is a great man to put up a man of straw to knock him down." He sets up a great plea for sympathy because he says it has been charged that he was ignorant or un-educated, but if you will notice you will see that he is doing most of this himself and spreading the report more than anyone else. Nobody said anything about it as far as I know until he came out with his letter about Latin words being in the constitution and how a man would have to be a Latin scholar to qualify as a voter.

Then people remembered that when Judge Pritchard was in politics he had not discovered this, and that Linney and Moody and other republicans had not discovered it, and then he was called "Latinus."

"Mr. Grant talks like he had a monopoly in being poor and not having educational advantages and in plowing. People know very well that there are others and one of them is Mr. W. T. Crawford, a self-made man, and one, I bet, who has ploughed more than Mr. Grant. Maybe John G. can still plow a straight furrow but he has been so busy the last dozen years holding on to offices or pursuing them that I am not sure of it. Of course people sympathize with a man who has had to struggle, but I could not see but that Mr. Grant looked pretty prosperous as he was offering \$20 if this or that was not the case.—Citizen.

CRAWFORD A WINNER BY GOOD MAJORITY.

As things appear at this writing, twelve days before the election, Crawford will be elected to Congress from the tenth district by over 1500 majority. Reports have been received at Democratic headquarters here within the last few days which justify this assertion. All the reports are rosy, and the claims of W. E. Logan and his man John Grant, about carrying the district for the unexampled Latin linguist appears to be the veriest nonsense.

So far it has been a peculiar campaign. The two candidates for congress have canvassed the district on entirely different plans. Mr. Grant began his campaign early in the summer in the country districts and has worked his way from them to towns. Mr. Crawford began with the towns in August and has worked from them to the country districts. There has been no joint canvass, though Mr. Grant, in the enthusiasm of the moment, declared when he was nominated in April that he would meet Crawford in every precinct in the district. But he backed out from that since then and now Crawford can't get in sight of him.

The campaign has had some amusing incidents also. Perhaps the most amusing is Mr. Grant's apparently serious attempt to make the people believe that the constitution of North Carolina is written in the Latin language. As one voter expressed it Mr. Grant is either a fool himself or he thinks his audience are made up of fools. Whether he has succeeded in deceiving anybody relative to that point remains to be seen.

A prominent citizen of Andrews said to us Monday that Mr. Grant made a speech there some days ago in which he said that if Bryan is elected the Champion Fibre Company would cut the price of pulp wood one-half. He also said that pulp wood had sold in the north last year for \$10.14. When it is known that there is no tariff on pulp wood it is marvelous that Grant knows what the Champion Fibre Company will do in the event of Bryan's election. The Champion Fibre people would do well to put a muzzle on Mr. Grant, for if it becomes known that pulp-wood sold in the North for \$10.14 a cord, the people will want to know why they are not paid more here. And that is amusing.

But the agony will soon be over. Mr. Grant will soon know the result, and then he can spend a year in trying to get divine forgiveness for the whoopers he has told.—Waynesville Courier.

What Has Crawford Done?

The man in office who comes up for re-election stands in an unenviable position, in that his political opponents, made ravenous with hunger for "pie," invariably ask, "What has he done?" It is natural that a man's modesty, or reluctance to blow

his own horn, debars him from going up and down the country proclaiming with drum and trumpet the magnitude of his official acts.

In such a position does Congressman Crawford stand. His long and honorable career in congress affords no ground for his opponent other than to ask "What has Mr. Crawford done?" The fact that he sat in the national assembly with republican majorities would almost prevent him from doing anything, yet he has done much. Speaking of Mr. Crawford's work, the Free Broad Hustler recently said: "He has looked carefully and diligently after the business of his district, and his ability to represent not only the interests of his own district, but the business of the entire country, was recognized by Speaker Cannon and Mr. Williams, the minority leader, in placing him on the banking and currency committee, the most important committee of the house. The merit of his work on that committee, in attempting to relieve the country from the effects of the Republican panic, was recognized by the democratic congressional committee."

Putting his speech against the Vreeland-Aldrich bill in the campaign book. It will also be remembered that Mr. Crawford went to Washington in the fall of 1907 and procured from the agricultural department an expert in road building and road improvement and also an expert agriculturist, and in company with Mr. Crawford these men visited every county in the district and delivered instructive lectures to the farmers, sowing the seeds for better things which will grow and ripen into fruit later on. Polk county voters bonds to build macadam roads and Mr. Crawford also introduced a bill to establish a fish hatchery in the mountains of Western North Carolina, and procured a favorable report from the committee. It is now on the house calendar, and it will pass if the speaker will allow a vote to be taken.

But why enumerate? Would Mr. Crawford have been three times returned to congress if his constituency did not believe that he had fairly earned such reward? What representation from this district has been more faithful or accomplished more? Would brother Grant be able to do as much if he was elected? How long would he be in congress before he was put on the banking and currency committee? How many of Mr. Grant's speeches would find their way into the campaign book?—Asheville Citizen

Why Crawford Should Be Re-elected

Hon. W. T. Crawford should be returned to Congress this year by an increased majority because he has served the district in an able manner and presented the best that is in the manhood and womanhood of the tenth district. Besides these reasons, however, there are others that are as potent. We give a few of them:

Mr. Crawford is a talented man, an able man, and can serve the district in the halls of Congress in a much more satisfactory manner than his opponent who is, to say the least, inexperienced in legislation and the affairs of government. It is now the time for the tenth district to retire a statesman for an inexperienced man in most matters pertaining to governmental affairs.

Again, there is a strong probability that the Democrats in the nation will recover control of the lower house of Congress in this election. In the north and west the chances are bright for the Democracy to carry many districts that have returned Republican Congressmen in the last few years. It is very probable that the Democracy will triumph this fall. And the tenth district wants to have a man in congress who can do some good.

Another thing. There is a tremendous fight on against Speaker Joe Cannon, and if he is defeated in his own district for re-election to the Speakership; for his very thought and act are against the southland and especially the mountain section. Let us send a man to congress who will take pleasure in voting against Czar Cannon, and Mr. Crawford is the man.—Waynesville Courier.

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